

## East Georgia Healthcare Center Celebrates 11 Years of Quality Healthcare

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East Georgia Healthcare Center, Inc. (EGHC) is a not-for-profit, community-based healthcare organization governed by a board of directors. EGHC is dedicated to improving the health and quality of life for all residents of Emanuel, Tattnall, and Treutlen Counties, regardless of their race, color, creed, religion, national origin, age, gender, disability, veteran status, and/or ability to pay. EGHC has three locations in Southeast Georgia, Swainsboro, Reidsville and Soperton.

Since the doors opened 11 years ago in 1994, EGHC has served **16,229 patients**, had **111,196 visits**, and has provided **\$13,490,498 in free goods and services**.

“The fact that East Georgia Healthcare Center patients have a choice and in many cases travel great distances in order to receive care here speaks strongly of the quality of care we offer, and of our dedication to a patient’s health” explained East Georgia Healthcare Center CEO, Jennie Wren Denmark.

In the past year alone, EGHC has had 21,058 patient visits and \$2,536,787 in free medication was given to patients in need by the Indigent Drug Program. With a 70% increase in visits over the past 3 years, and a steady stream of new patients each month, patients have obviously responded to the quality of service and care we provide at EGHC.

2005 saw EGHC increase in size and in staff as we reached out to patients and communities in need. Our Reidsville office moved into a new facility that doubled our capabilities and added 2 new providers. Also in 2005 EGHC went live with a newly re-designed website ([www.eghc.org](http://www.eghc.org)) featuring expanded information and video clips about the centers and the services we provide.

East Georgia Healthcare Center offers several health education programs free of charge to the public. We are very proud of our Diabetic Collaborative and their accomplishments. Patients are given diabetic counseling, free glucometers and glucometer strips are sold to the patient at a discount. Free diabetic education classes are offered to the public once a month at our Swainsboro location. EGHC also provides free blood pressure screenings throughout the community at local businesses, schools and industries. For more information on when and where please contact the office convenient to you.

As we look forward to an even better 2006, the providers, management and board of directors at EGHC would like to thank our wonderful staff and patients for helping to make 2005 another great year. Everyone has worked very hard and together we have helped those in need get the quality healthcare they deserve.

We invite you to make an appointment and visit one of our offices to see all that we have to offer. For more information you can also visit our website at [www.eghc.org](http://www.eghc.org).

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